



City of Kingston Parks and Recreation

Environmental Education Program

2016-2017 Registration Information

A Day in the Life of the Hudson River



FAST FACTS:

What: A Day in the Life of the Hudson River

When: 9:30-2:00pm

Where: Kingston Point Beach

Who: Grades 3rd and up

Cost: Fees are waived for programs held in 2016-2017 for Ulster County Schools.

Support from: Office of Children and Family Services, and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Description

On one day each autumn, thousands of students from New York City to Troy participate in the annual "A Day in the Life of the Hudson River" event. Students collect scientific information to create snapshots of the river at dozens of locations, and then share their data using Web-based technology so they can better understand how their piece of the river fits into the larger Hudson estuary ecosystem.

At Kingston Point Beach students will use seine nets, water testing kits, and measuring tools to investigate aquatic life, water chemistry, tides and weather. We will also collect core samples of river bottom mud for analysis. All data will be shared with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation who will combine all data from throughout the Hudson River Estuary to get a "snapshot" of the River. This is citizen Science at its best!

Program Schedule

9:30-10:00am	Students arrive to Kingston Point Beach
10:00-10:15am	Welcome and Introductions
10:15-12:00	Hudson River Ecology stations: Fishing, Water Quality and Physical River
12:00-12:30	Lunch at the Pavilion
12:30-1:15	More Stations
1:15-1:30	Wrap up
1:30-2:00	Students return to school



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Adult chaperones are welcome and encouraged. We require a minimum of 2 adults to attend with the class, and a minimum of a 12 to 1 ratio of students to adults. Adult chaperones should meet at Kingston Point Beach if not travelling with the students. Adults should definitely come prepared to be hands on and engaged.

***Transportation is AVAILABLE for the A Day in the Life, if needed.** The Parks and Recreation Department is able to provide bus transportation as a collaboration with Kingston Citibus at a fee of \$1 per student. Adults are free. Citibus will pick up your class at 9:30am at the Front Door of your school. The \$1 per student van transportation fee is due by cash or check made payable to Kingston Citibus upon their arrival.

In the event of inclement weather, we will call the school that morning to make any cancellations. At that point, we will offer another reschedule date if one is available. If you need to cancel for any reason, please call the Recreation Department as soon as possible at 481-7339 (Julie Noble's Extension).

An appropriate code of conduct is expected from each visitor:

- Classroom teachers will be present for entire visit
- All discipline issues will be addressed by classroom teachers
- Any student or chaperone who is disrupting the visit may be asked to leave
- Safety is of utmost priority

If you need to cancel for any reason, please call the Recreation Department as soon as possible at 481-7339 (Julie Noble's Extension). Registration is required to reserve a time slot for this program.

If there are any questions, concerns or changes, the teacher should contact:

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